

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the title at line 1 on page 1 of the specification as follows.

~~Use of polysaccharide derivatives as antiinfective substances~~

**METHOD OF TREATING INFECTIOUS DISEASES WITH POLYSACCHARIDE  
DERIVATIVES**

Please insert the following between lines 1 and 3 (at line 2) on page 1 of the specification.

**FIELD OF THE INVENTION**

Please insert the following between lines 11 and 12 on page 1 of the specification.

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

Please insert the following between lines 22 and 24 (at line 23) on page 3 of the specification.

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

Please insert the following between lines 9 and 11 (at line 10) on page 4 of the specification.

**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION**